

Deb Wallace

Winter 2006 Report

Education Update

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year 2006!! I take my pledge to serve as your state representative seriously. This may be a short 60 day legislative session but we have important issues to address. The primary duty for the state government—as written in the state Constitution—is education. The future of our children and their education is in our hands. Our children deserve the best education and schools to help them be competitive in our global economy!

Because of my desire to improve schools and education, I was recently assigned to the House Education Committee. We will consider a number of important measures to help students receive a quality education and achieve the high standards they need to succeed. For example:

- Last year, the Legislature changed the WASL process to allow up to four re-takes on sections that students fail. This year we are examining alternative assessments to show students have the necessary skills, but can't pass the test.
- Provide after-school and summer school programs for students who need some extra help to be successful in school. Districts could offer summer school, classes before or after school and on Saturdays, skill seminars, test preparation and tutoring.

Please remember, I want and need to hear from you to better serve as your representative. Please call, write or visit me here in Olympia.

Sincerely,



Deb Wallace



Representative Wallace visits the Silver Star Elementary "Read and Play" early learning program.

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I am working hard on common-sense reforms such as fighting the epidemic of meth production, protecting consumers, and getting necessary services to small businesses. In addition we will focus on creating more jobs, making health care affordable, and keeping our communities safe.

Stopping Meth Producers

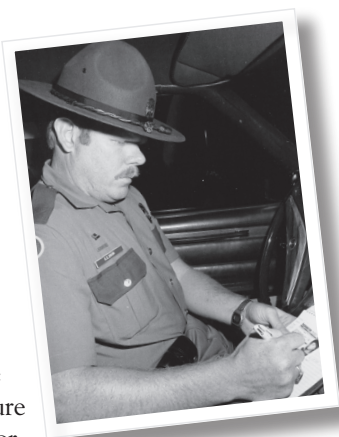
Undercover drug detectives in Clark County contacted me last year about tools they need to stop the production of methamphetamine: cracking down on meth ingredients. Meth cooks usually use concentrated or pure iodine (much stronger than household antiseptic) to make the drug. They also use a nutritional supplement (MSM) to cut pure meth. These are commonly found at farm supply and feed stores.

I introduced a bill to restrict the purchase of highly concentrated iodine and more than two pounds of MSM, with an exception made for legitimate medical, veterinary, or animal husbandry uses. The bill requires a sales log be kept for all purchases of any amount of concentrated iodine or MSM.

Oregon already has a similar law in place, so this will stop meth cooks from coming across the river to purchase ingredients. This reform has the support of local law enforcement and the Washington State Patrol.

Protecting Consumers from Driver Training School Fraud

Driver training schools teach vital lessons for the safety of our Kids, but not all schools offer quality programs. Some schools have fraudulently used loopholes in state law to run schools with unqualified teachers, weak curriculum and bottom-level standards. I have put forward legislation to improve traffic safety education for our children and make sure parents are getting the quality education they pay for.



Supporting Small Businesses

Small businesses create a huge number of jobs and keep our communities healthy. Owners often need training support in areas such as financial planning, strategic business planning and, marketing assistance. I have a bill to offer competitive grants to non-profits that deliver support for small business development.

Promoting Energy Independence through Biofuels and Renewable Energy

Too many of our hard-earned dollars go off-shore to purchase high-priced oil. We must take action towards energy independence. I will support measures to jump-start a biofuels industry in Washington State—where farmers can grow crops or use existing waste and have it refined into ethanol or biodiesel. This is a win-win for Washington.

I support plans to open up access to biofuels for retailers. Renewable energy—wind, solar, waste-to-energy, and more—also give us hope to lessen our reliance on foreign fossil fuels. This year holds exciting promise as we move down the long road to energy independence.

Sex Offender Laws

As a mother and a woman, I believe the horrific crimes by sexual predators deserve strong punishments. This is a very difficult problem to deal with because it is so volatile and emotional with unimaginable grief by the victims and their families. My hope is that the Legislature will avoid letting this issue become a political wedge. It is critical for the legislature to fully discuss these bills in order to arrive at an effective package of laws which gives us the greatest protection for our children and families from these heinous crimes. I will work with victims' advocates, prosecutors and law enforcement to put more teeth into our laws and get more offenders in jail—and ensure they stay there.

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2006 Survey

"Freedom is when the people can speak, democracy is when the government listens." – Alastair Farrugia

I want to know what you think! Please fill out this brief survey and return it to me. I will follow up with anyone who requests further information.

What educational reforms should we consider to keep our standards high, while ensuring our children can succeed?

- ☐ Provide a more rigorous education program
- ☐ Provide more alternative assessments and retakes for students who don't test well on the WASL.
- ☐ Fund after-school and summer school programs for students struggling with the academic standards.
- ☐ Provide a mentorship program so students build an ongoing relationship to encourage their continued success in school.
- ☐ Remove current statewide academic standards and assessments and start from scratch.

Interested in any of these ideas?
Learn more on my website: <http://hdc.leg.wa.gov/members/wallace>

What should be the priorities for the Legislature (please rank them 1 to 6)?

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Did you attend any of my Community Action Forums in the last year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, which ones?

- ☐ Identity Theft Prevention (June 2005)
- ☐ Early Learning (September 2005)
- ☐ Education Today (October 2005)
- ☐ Fighting Meth Producers and Dealers (January 2006)

What topics would you like to suggest for a future Community Action Forum so you can talk with the experts?

Comments: _____

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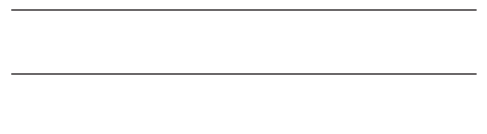
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Transportation in Clark County

More people are making their homes in Clark County, and that means increased traffic. We need to solve our transportation problems now, as gridlock keeps more people from getting to work and goods from getting to market.

Your opinion matters in transportation decisions for the region. The state Department of Transportation has begun planning on the I-5 Columbia River Crossing project. Be sure to contact them with your thoughts, or you can contact me any time. You can learn more at www.columbiarivercrossing.org

I have let the Columbia River Crossing project know that transit options need to be considered for I-205 as well as I-5. We need to consider a variety of road and transit options so we can all make an informed decision when we vote for a project that will actually work. As vice-chair of the Transportation Committee, I will be diligent in ensuring Clark County's needs are met.



Representative Wallace meets with Evergreen High School civics students at the capitol. The group took third place in the "We the People" competition.

If you would like me to follow up on any issue, please include your contact information.

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